A FORM OF PRAYER,

TO BE USED

In all Churches and Chapels throughout *England*, *Wales*, and the Town of *Berwick upon Tweed*, upon *Wednesday* the Eighth of *March* next, being the Day appointed by Proclamation for a General FAST and Humiliation before Almighty God, to be observed in the most Devout and Solemn Manner, by sending up our Prayers and Supplications to the Divine Majesty:

For obtaining Pardon of our Sins, and for averting those heavy Judgements which our manifold Provocations have most justly deserved; and imploring His Blessing and Assistance on the Arms of His Majesty by Sea and Land, and for restoring and perpetuating Peace, Safety, and Prosperity to Himself, and to His Kingdoms.

By His Majesty's Special Command.

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The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ *The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.*

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesſes, though we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he ſet before us. Daniel ix. 9, 10.

In my trouble I will call upon the Lord, and complain unto my God. So ſhall he hear my voice out of his holy temple; my complaint ſhall come before him. Pſalm xviii. 5.

¶ *Inſtead of the* Venite, *this Hymn ſhall be uſed.*

UNTO Thee, O Lord, will I lift up my ſoul; my God, I have put my truſt in Thee: O let me not be confounded, neither let mine Enemies triumph over me. Pſalm xxv. 1.

Wherefore ſhould the Heathen ſay, where is now their God? Pſalm cxv. 2.

The Lord is King, be the Earth never ſo unquiet; the Lord is great in Sion, and high above all People. Pſalm xcix. 1.

I ſhall find trouble and heavineſs, and I will call upon the name of the Lord. Pſalm cxvi. 4.

Unto Thee lift I up mine eyes, O Thou that dwelleſt in the Heavens. Pſalm cxxiii. 1.

The waves of the ſea are mighty, and rage horribly; but the Lord, who dwelleth on high, is mightier. Pſalm xciii. 5.

Pſalm xciv. 19. In the multitude of ſorrows that I had in my heart, thy comforts have refreſhed my ſoul.

Pſalm xciv. 22. *The Lord is my refuge, and my God is the ſtrength of my confidence.*

Pſalm lxxxvi. 15. Thou, O Lord God, art full of compaſſion and mercy, long ſuffering, plenteous in goodneſs and truth.

Pſalm lxxxvi. 11. *Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth. O knit my heart unto Thee, that I may fear thy name.*

Pſalm lxxxiv. 9. Behold, O God our Defender, and look upon the face of thine anointed.

Pſalm lxxxiv. 5. *Bleſſed is the man, whoſe ſtrength is in Thee, in whoſe heart are thy ways.*

Pſalm lxxxiii. 2. Lo! thine enemies make a murmuring, and they that hate Thee have lift up their heads.

Pſalm lxxxiii. 16. *Make their faces aſhamed, O Lord, that they may ſeek thy name.*

Pſalm xxix. 10. The Lord ſhall give ſtrength unto his people, the Lord ſhall give his people the bleſſing of Peace.

Pſalm lxxix. 9. *Help us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of thy name; O deliver us, and be merciful unto our ſins for thy name's ſake.*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghoſt:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be, world without end. Amen.

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* LI. *and* XC.

Firſt Leſſon, II Chronicles XX. *to the End of Verſe* 15.

¶ *After the firſt Leſſon, ſhall follow* Te Deum laudamus, *in* Engliſh.

Second Leſſon, St. Matthew III. to *v.* 11.

¶ *Then* Benedictus, *the Creed, &c. to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt, ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,*

Prieſt.

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us,
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King!
Anſw. Who putteth his truſt in Thee.
Prieſt. Send him help from thy holy place,
Anſw. And evermore mightily defend him.
Prieſt. Let his enemies have no advantage againſt him.
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Prieſt. O Lord, ſave thy people,
Anſw. And bleſs thine inheritance.
Prieſt. Give peace in our time, O Lord,
Anſw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

¶ *This Collect to be uſed inſtead of the Firſt Collect for Morning Prayer.*

O LORD God of our Salvation, who ordereſt all things by Thy unſearchable Wiſdom, bringing to nought by Thy Power the Counſels of the Wicked, and working deliverance for Thy Servants; we proſtrate ourſelves before Thee, in earneſt Prayer and Supplication, in behalf of ourſelves and other Chriſtian Nations, expoſed at this time to the cruelty, or groaning under the oppreſſion, of Apoſtates from Thy Truth, and Deſpiſers of Thy Holy Name; who have ſpread deſolation wherever they have erected their ſtandard.

We implore Thy bleſſing, O Lord, upon Thy faithful Servant, our gracious Sovereign. Guard him, as hitherto Thou haſt done, againſt ſecret Conſpiracy and open Violence, and unite our hearts, as the heart of one man, in loyal attachment to his Perſon, and in dutiful ſubmiſſion to his Authority, and to the Laws. Proſper, we beſeech Thee, his Cares for the welfare of his People. Aſſiſt him in all his Counſels for the preſervation of theſe Kingdoms, and crown them with Thy Bleſſing; and grant unto him that Peace, which the world cannot give, the comfort of ſure truſt and confidence in Thee.

Thou haſt been our merciful God from generation to generation. We have truſted in Thee, and we have been holpen; but we are ſenſible, that all our efforts will ſtill be ineffectual without Thy Aid, from whom alone cometh help in time of need. Our Counſels, our Hands and our Hearts, are under Thy ſovereign controul. Without Thee the wiſdom of the Wiſe is vain, and the multitude of an Hoſt is weak. Vouchſafe to us, O Lord, in ſuch manner, Thy guidance and ſupport, that the Enemies of our Peace may ſee, that Thine Arm, ſtretched out to ſave, can cruſh the mightieſt force, and bring to nought the moſt ſubtle Deſigns of human Policy; and that the man of the Earth, who lifteth up his Banners againſt Thee, ſhall ever be humbled under Thy Almighty hand.

Hear us, O merciful God, for the ſake and through the merits of our only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Second *and* Third *Collects at* Morning Prayer, *and the* Litany, *and then the following Prayer.*

O LORD, our Heavenly Father, we acknowledge, with penitent hearts, that we have been bleſſed, beyond other nations, in the knowledge and undiſturbed Profeſſion of Thy Truth, and in the long Poſſeſſion of abundant temporal Proſperity: and we confeſs, that, like the Iſraelites of old, we have too often turned our backs on Thee, and ſought our Peace and Security in our own Inventions. Reſtore us, O Lord, to a dutiful ſenſe of Thee in this Time of our Viſitation. Grant us Grace to put away all Ungodlineſs and ſinful Luſts, and ſo to hold faſt the Profeſſion of our Faith in purity of heart and mind, that Thy Judgements may be withdrawn from us, and we may become diſtinguiſhed Objects of Thy Mercy, through the Merits of Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Advocate. *Amen.*

¶ *Then*

¶ *Then the People ſhall ſay this that followeth, after the Miniſter.*

TURN Thou us, O good Lord, and ſo ſhall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, Be favourable to Thy People, Who turn to Thee in weeping, faſting, and praying. For Thou art a merciful God, full of compaſſion, long-ſuffering, and of great pity. Thou ſpareſt when we deſerve puniſhment, and in Thy wrath thinkeſt upon mercy. Spare Thy People, good Lord, ſpare them, and let not Thine heritage be brought to confuſion. Hear us, O Lord, for Thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of Thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of Thy bleſſed Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *In the time of War and Tumults.*

O Almighty God, King of all kings, and Governor of all things, whoſe power no creature is able to reſiſt, to whom it belongeth juſtly to puniſh Sinners, and to be merciful to them that truly repent; Save and deliver us, we humbly beſeech Thee, from the hands of our enemies; abate their pride, aſſwage their malice, and confound their devices; that we being armed with Thy defence, may be preſerved evermore from all perils, to glorify Thee, who art the only Giver of all victory, through the merits of Thy only Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.*

O Eternal Lord God, whoſe Voice, mighty in Operation, the raging Seas and the ſtormy Winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the Ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, and here ſhall thy proud Waves be ſtayed;" O God, who, in Thy Mercy, guideſt the Mariner in Safety through the trackleſs Deep; receive, we beſeech Thee, into Thy gracious and Almighty Protection, the

Fleets of Thy Servant our Sovereign, the Veſſels of our Merchants, and the Perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the Perils of the Seas, from the Efforts of the Enemy, and from the Danger of Diſeaſe in diſtant Climates; that they may return in Safety, and crowned, if it be Thy good Pleaſure, with Succeſs in their Enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary War, or of lawful Commerce, to enjoy the Bleſſings of their native Land; and, with thankful Remembrance of all Thy Mercies, to unite in rendering Praiſe and Glory to Thy Holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beſeech Thee, moſt merciful God, that, by Thy Grace, Thou wouldſt keep alive in us, who have this day preſumed to implore ſuch great Bleſſings at Thy hands, a conſtant ſenſe of Thy preſence, and of our dependence upon Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former ſinfulneſs and diſobedience, nor again to yield to thoſe evil paſſions and deſires which have brought down Thy juſt judgements upon us: But ſave us, O God; ſave us, not only from worldly, but alſo from our ſpiritual enemies; and moſt eſpecially ſave us from ourſelves, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

Then the Prayer for the High Court of Parliament;—the General Thankſgiving;—then as follows:

For the Providential Diſperſion of the Enemy's Fleet in their late Attempt upon the Kingdom of Ireland.

ALMIGHTY and ever Gracious God, before whoſe eternal Throne the Succeſſions of Nations and Empires paſs away, and impreſs our Minds with thoſe great Truths, that Stability is no where to be found but in Thy Power and Goodneſs, and that the beſt Efforts of Man's Wiſdom are vain and deluſive;

deluſive; ſtrengthen, we beſeech Thee, our feeble Faculties, and be not offended, if, while we are imploring a continuance of Thy Protection, we preſume to return thanks for what appears to us a Providential Interference—when the Winds and Storms, fulfilling Thy Word, diſſipated that mighty Armament, which threatened the Peace of our Siſter Kingdom, and Thou waſt pleaſed, at the ſame Time, to exemplify their National Character, inſpiring thoſe high Exertions of Fortitude, by which a true Senſe of Religious and Moral Duty is beſt expreſſed. In a Cauſe therefore, which we muſt ever deem common, we join our voices to theirs in the utterance of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, and humbly beſeech Thee before the Seat of Mercy and Grace, that the Union and Proſperity which we now enjoy may never ſuffer any Interruption. Grant this, we pray Thee, O merciful Father, through Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

¶ *Then read to the End of Morning Prayer as uſual.*

The Communion Service.

¶ *After the Prayer for the King* [Almighty God, whoſe Kingdom is everlaſting] *ſhall be read the Collect of the Day, as in the* Morning Prayer, [O Lord God of our Salvation], *and then ſhall follow*

The Epiſtle. 2 Peter *Chap.* II. *to Ver.* 12.

BUT there were falſe Prophets alſo among the people, even as there ſhall be falſe teachers among you; who privily ſhall bring in damnable hereſies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themſelves ſwift deſtruction. And many ſhall follow their pernicious ways; by reaſon of whom the way of truth ſhall be evil ſpoken of. And through covetouſneſs ſhall they, with feigned words, make merchandize of you: whoſe judgement now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation ſlumbereth not. For if God ſpared not the angels that ſinned, but caſt them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkneſs, to be reſerved unto judgement; and ſpared not the old world, but ſaved Noah the eighth perſon, a preacher of righteouſneſs, bringing in the flood upon the world of the ungodly; and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrha into aſhes condemned them with an overthrow, making them an enſample unto thoſe that after ſhould live ungodly; and delivered juſt Lot, vexed with the filthy converſation of the wicked: (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in ſeeing and hearing vexed his righteous ſoul, from day to day, with their unlawful deeds;) the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reſerve the unjuſt unto the day of judgement to be puniſhed: but chiefly them that walk after the fleſh in the luſt of uncleanneſs, and deſpiſe government. Preſumptuous are they, ſelf-willed, they are not afraid to ſpeak evil of dignities. Whereas angels, which are greater in power and might, bring not railing accuſation againſt them before the Lord.

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The Goſpel. *St.* Luke *Chap.* XIII. *Ver.* 1, *to* 6.

THERE were preſent at that ſeaſon ſome that told him of the Galileans, whoſe blood Pilate had mingled with their ſacrifices. And Jeſus anſwering, ſaid unto them, Suppoſe ye that theſe Galileans were ſinners above all the Galileans, becauſe they ſuffered theſe things? I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh. Or thoſe eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and ſlew them, think ye that they were ſinners above all men that dwelt in Jeruſalem? I tell you, Nay; but except ye repent, ye ſhall all likewiſe periſh.

¶ *Then ſhall follow the* Nicene Creed: *and after that the Sermon.*

After the Prayer [for the whole ſtate of Chriſt's Church] *the following ſhall be uſed.*

A Prayer for our Enemies, and for Support under Perſecution.

ALMIGHTY God, who haſt diſpoſed the heart of our Sovereign to unite us in prayer and ſupplication this day for the Pardon of our Sins, and for deliverance from the Evils of War; ſuffer us, we beſeech Thee, in the Spirit of Chriſtian Charity, to offer our humble Interceſſion for the Repentance and Converſion of Men, who have caſt off their Faith in Thee the Living God; and, following the vain imaginations of reprobate Minds, have plunged themſelves into Crimes and Impieties, which aſtoniſh the Chriſtian World. Open their Eyes, O Lord, that they may ſee and conſider, with deteſtation and horror, the Ravages of their Cruelty. Strike them, in Thy Mercy, with Remorſe and Compunction, before they fill up the meaſure of their Iniquities: And grant, O God, unto us, Thy Servants, Grace, whilſt we behold with compaſſion the miſeries they have inflicted upon the objects of their fury, to recollect the many calamities, from which, We, by Thy merciful Providence, are exempted. What are we, O Lord, that thou ſhouldſt ſo regard us! O let Thy mercy

enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful for Thy Goodneſs, fearful of Thy Diſpleaſure, and ſenſible of Thy Preſence; that, with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may ſo paſs through the Uncertainties of Things Temporal, that we finally loſe not the Things Eternal. And to all thoſe, who may be ordained to ſuffer for Thy ſake, impart, O merciful Lord, ſuch plentiful Succours of Thy Holy Spirit; pour into their Souls ſuch Contempt of Pain and Death; kindle in their hearts ſuch Love of Thee, and Zeal for Thy Truth; fill them with ſuch animating Hope of Immortality, that, after the Example of the bleſſed Saints and Martyrs of the primitive Ages, they may ſo ſteadily confeſs Thee before Men, that, having glorified Thy Name by their Sufferings upon Earth, they may obtain of Thee an Everlaſting Crown of Glory. And grant, to us all, ſuch a denial of Ungodlineſs and worldly Affections, that we may be able to look forward with hope to the Conſummation of all Things, and to the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghoſt, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

ALmighty God, who haſt promiſed to hear the petitions of them that aſk in Thy Son's Name; We beſeech Thee mercifully to incline Thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and ſupplications unto Thee; and grant, that thoſe things which we have faithfully aſked, according to Thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our neceſſity, and to the ſetting forth of Thy glory, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Then the Prieſt (or Biſhop, if he be preſent) ſhall let them depart with this Bleſſing.*

THE peace of God, which paſſeth all underſtanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jeſus Chriſt our Lord: and the bleſſing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghoſt, be amongſt you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

The Order for Evening Prayer.

¶ *Let him that miniſtereth read with a loud Voice theſe Sentences of Scripture; and after them the Exhortation,* Dearly beloved Brethren, *&c.*

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¶ *The Hymn appointed to be uſed at Morning Prayer, inſtead of the* Venite, &c. *ſhall here alſo be uſed before the proper Pſalms.*

¶ *Proper Pſalms,* LXXXVI. *and* CXXX.

¶ *Firſt Leſſon, Jonah* III.

My ſoul doth magnify the Lord, *&c. St. Luke* I. 46.

¶ *Second Leſſon, St. James* IV. *to Ver.* 11.

God be merciful unto us, *&c. Pſalm* LXVII.

¶ *Then the Creed,* &c. *to the End of the Lord's Prayer.*

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¶ *This Collect to be uſed inſtead of the Firſt Collect for Evening Prayer.*

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Hear us, O merciful God, for the ſake and through the merits of our only Saviour, Jeſus Chriſt, Thy Son, our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *The Second Collect at Evening Prayer.*

O GOD, from whom all holy deſires, all good counſels, and all juſt works do proceed; give unto Thy ſervants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be ſet to obey Thy commandments, and alſo that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our Enemies, may paſs our time in reſt and quietneſs, through the merits of Jeſus Chriſt our Saviour. *Amen.*

¶ *The Third Collect, for Aid againſt all Perils.*

LIghten our darkneſs, we beſeech Thee O Lord, and by Thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of Thy only Son our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt. *Amen.*

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¶ *Read the uſual Prayers, to the End of the Prayer* in Time of War and Tumults; *and then the following.*

A Prayer for the Safety of our Fleets.

O Eternal Lord God, whoſe Voice, mighty in Operation, the raging Seas and the ſtormy Winds obey; who haſt compaſſed the Ocean with its bounds, ſaying, "Hitherto ſhalt thou come, but no further, and here ſhall thy proud Waves be ſtayed;" O God, who, in Thy Mercy, guideſt the Mariner in ſafety through the trackleſs Deep; receive, we beſeech Thee, into Thy Gracious and Almighty Protection, the Fleets of Thy Servant our Sovereign, the Veſſels of our Merchants,

chants, and the Perſons of all thoſe who ſerve in them. Preſerve them from the Perils of the Seas, from the Efforts of the Enemy, and from the Danger of Diſeaſe in diſtant Climates; that they may return in Safety, and crowned, if it be Thy good Pleaſure, with Succeſs in their Enterprizes, either of juſt and neceſſary War, or of lawful Commerce, to enjoy the Bleſſings of their native Land; and, with thankful Remembrance of all thy Mercies, to unite in rendering Praiſe and Glory to Thy holy Name, through Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

WE humbly beſeech Thee, moſt merciful God, that, by Thy Grace, Thou wouldſt keep alive in us, who have this Day preſumed to implore ſuch great Bleſſings at Thy hands, a conſtant ſenſe of Thy preſence, and of our dependence upon Thee. Suffer us not to return to our former ſinfulneſs and diſobedience, nor again to yield to thoſe evil paſſions and deſires, which have brought down Thy juſt judgements upon us: But ſave us, O God; ſave us, not only from worldly, but alſo from our ſpiritual enemies; and moſt eſpecially, ſave us from ourſelves, for the ſake of Jeſus Chriſt our Lord. *Amen.*

¶ *Read to the End of the General Thankſgiving; then as follows:*

For the Providential Diſperſion of the Enemy's Fleet in their late Attempt upon the Kingdom of Ireland.

ALMIGHTY and ever Gracious God, before whoſe eternal Throne the Succeſſions of Nations and Empires paſs away, and impreſs our Minds with thoſe great Truths, that Stability is no where to be found but in Thy Power and Goodneſs, and that the beſt Efforts of Man's Wiſdom are vain and deluſive; ſtrengthen, we beſeech Thee, our feeble Faculties, and be not offended, if, while we are imploring a continuance of Thy Protection, we preſume to return thanks

for what appears to us a Providential Interference—when the Winds and Storms, fulfilling Thy Word, diſſipated that mighty Armament, which threatened the Peace of our Siſter Kingdom, and Thou waſt pleaſed, at the ſame time, to exemplify their National Character, inſpiring thoſe high Exertions of Fortitude, by which a true Senſe of Religious and Moral Duty is beſt expreſſed. In a Cauſe therefore, which we muſt ever deem common, we join our voices to theirs in the utterance of Praiſe and Thankſgiving, and humbly beſeech Thee before the Seat of Mercy and Grace, that the Union and Proſperity which we now enjoy may never ſuffer any Interruption. Grant this, we pray Thee, O merciful Father, through Jeſus Chriſt, our Mediator and Redeemer. *Amen.*

A Prayer for our Enemies, and for Support under Perſecution.

ALmighty God, who haſt diſpoſed the heart of our Sovereign to unite us in prayer and ſupplication this day for the Pardon of our Sins, and for deliverance from the Evils of War; ſuffer us, we beſeech Thee, in the Spirit of Chriſtian Charity, to offer our humble Interceſſion for the Repentance and Converſion of Men, who have caſt off their Faith in Thee the Living God; and, following the vain imaginations of reprobate Minds, have plunged themſelves into Crimes and Impieties, which aſtoniſh the Chriſtian World. Open their Eyes, O Lord, that they may ſee and conſider, with deteſtation and horror, the Ravages of their Cruelty. Strike them, in Thy Mercy, with Remorſe and Compunction, before they fill up the meaſure of their Iniquities: And grant, O God, unto us, Thy Servants, Grace, whilſt we behold with compaſſion the miſeries they have inflicted upon the objects of their fury, to recollect the many calamities, from which, We, by Thy merciful Providence, are exempted. What are we, O Lord, that thou ſhouldſt ſo regard us! O let Thy mercy enter into our hearts, and make us truly thankful for Thy Goodneſs, fearful of Thy Diſpleaſure, and ſenſible of Thy Pre-

ſence; that, with hands and hearts lifted up unto Thee, we may ſo paſs through the Uncertainties of Things Temporal, that we finally loſe not the Things Eternal. And to all thoſe who may be ordained to ſuffer for Thy ſake, impart, O merciful Lord, ſuch plentiful Succours of Thy Holy Spirit; pour into their Souls ſuch Contempt of Pain and Death; kindle in their hearts ſuch Love of Thee, and Zeal for Thy Truth; fill them with ſuch animating Hope of Immortality, that, after the Example of the bleſſed Saints and Martyrs of the primitive Ages, they may ſo ſteadily confeſs Thee before Men, that, having glorified Thy Name by their Sufferings upon Earth, they may obtain of Thee an Everlaſting Crown of Glory. And grant, to us all, ſuch a denial of Ungodlineſs and worldly Affections, that we may be able to look forward with hope to the Conſummation of all Things, and to the glorious appearance of the great God and our Saviour Jeſus Chriſt; to whom with Thee, O Father, and Thee, O Holy Ghoſt, be honour and glory, world without end. *Amen.*

¶ *A Prayer of St.* Chryſoſtom.

ALmighty God, who has given us Grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common ſupplications unto Thee; and doſt promiſe, that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name, thou wilt grant their requeſts: Fulfil now, O Lord, the deſires and petitions of Thy ſervants, as may be moſt expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlaſting. *Amen.*

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THE grace of our Lord Jeſus Chriſt, and the love of God, and the fellowſhip of the Holy Ghoſt, be with us all evermore. *Amen.*

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